

DIARY NOTES

DD/S



19 December 1963

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning General Carter called everyone's attention to a Department of State cable to Bogota dated 17 December which had to do with command and communications failures in a recent attempt to intercept a cache of arms being smuggled into Columbia and detailed procedures which are to be followed in the future. I have since discussed this at some length with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Our "sel-call" did not work during this recent flap, which we cannot understand because it was working when the operator went home that evening and was working again when he came to work the next morning. I can only theorize

[REDACTED] will cost us nothing except in an actual emergency, in which case we will merely have to go on duty 24 hours a day.

2. I met with [REDACTED] and Matt Baird to discuss the survey of agent training which we have been directed to conduct in compliance with paragraph 2.b. of Action Memorandum No. A-334 of 13 December 1963. Tom was completely cooperative and agreed to proceed with this forthwith with any ground rules which Matt wishes to lay down. I therefore asked Matt to get going without delay and said that I would look to the Office of Training to push this to its ultimate conclusion as soon as possible.

3. Bob Fuchs and [REDACTED] came in to discuss a number of personnel assignments with me. [REDACTED] is going in as Chief of the Confidential Funds Division (to be renamed from Finance Division) and will be adequately backstopped by [REDACTED] until the latter goes to the Industrial War College next fall. At this point they have considered putting [REDACTED] in as the Deputy but at the same time are somewhat concerned about what they should do with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] who was formerly [REDACTED] subordinate, will be getting ahead of him as Chief of the new Monetary Division.) I told them that, if they had in mind that [REDACTED] could succeed [REDACTED] when he goes to [REDACTED] they should get [REDACTED] in the Finance Division as soon as possible; that if this posed a problem in the placement of [REDACTED] I felt sure we could place [REDACTED] somewhere in the Administration Career Service for a considerable period of time.

4. [REDACTED] called to speak very highly of [REDACTED] report of 29 December 1961 on recruitment. He has been reading this in preparation for their upcoming survey in the Office of Personnel.

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5. Matt Baird advised me that [REDACTED] was reluctant to participate in the next JOT class because of the inconvenience of going to the Broyhill Building. I asked Matt to talk personally to Tom about this and to let me know if he needed any assistance.

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6. In another conversation which I had with [REDACTED] today I gathered that he had received a memorandum from Kirk proposing that DODS take over [REDACTED] immediately. (Since we are not on distribution for the memorandum, I want to talk to Kirk about this.)

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7. I telephoned [REDACTED] and told him that I understood that there had been some grumbling in his Research and Development Review Board Meeting yesterday about R&D contracting. He confirmed this but said that he really did not know whether it was serious enough to warrant my attention. I asked him to have someone get in touch with me to explain just what it was all about. He said that he would have [REDACTED] do this within the next few days. (On 20 December [REDACTED] telephoned to advise me of the complaints registered at the R&D Review Board Meeting yesterday at which it was alleged that the Procurement Division had a backlog of four months or more, were not very cooperative, etc.)

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8. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning it developed that Mr. Dulles had been in touch with half a dozen or more people about various things in connection with the Warren Committee, and General Carter designated Dick Helms as the focal point to deal with him on anything having to do with the Agency about the Oswald case. (I advised John Tietjen and Emmett Echols of this.)

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NOTE: Excerpt of paragraph 7 to D/L on 24 Dec 63

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